No report from Government of Bihar has been received mentioning non-availability of sufficient water in the Ganga river to support the ILR Scheme.

Bangalore International Airport Project

*20. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CNS agreement between the Bangalore International Airport Limited and Airports Authority of India has been entered into;

(b) if so, when it was entered into;

(c) the present status of the proposed Bangalore International Airport Project near Devanahalli;

(d) the quantum of amount, if any, released by Government during 2004-05 as Central share for the above project; and

(e) by when, the work of the proposed airport will start and by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) Agreement between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Bangalore International Airports Limited (BIAL) has been approved by AAI Board on 10.02.2005. The Agreement is yet to be executed between AAI & BIAL.

(c) Greenfield airport at Devanahalli near Bangalore is being implemented on a Build Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis with Public Private Participation. Government of Karnataka (GOK) and AAI together hold 26% equity and the strategic joint venture partners hold the balance 74%. AAI's investment in the equity is capped at Rs. 50 crores. A Consortium led by Siemens, Germany with Unique Zurich, Switzerland and Larsen & Toubro India Limited as other members has been chosen as the strategic Joint Venture Partner. The Shareholders Agreement, the Concession Agreement, the State Support Agreement and the Land Lease Agreement have been executed. Other Agreements such as The Communication Navigation Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) Agreement by AAI, Operation & Maintenance Services Agreement, and Financing Agreements by BIAL etc., are yet to be executed.

(d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) are contributing to equity of the

BIAL. AAI hold 13% equity in BIAL with a cap of Rs. 50 crores. AAI has contributed 1.87 crores as advance against equity to BIAL during 2004-05. There is no Central share of Govt. of India in the Project.

(e) The work on the proposed airport will commence immediately after the Financial Close and the target opening date of the airport will be 33 months from the date of Financial Close.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Modification of Terminal 2B of the International Airport at Mumbai

1. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India is examining a proposal to modify terminal 2B of the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether the Ministry has sanctioned a substantial amount for the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the work will start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India proposes to modify and upgrade the interiors of Terminal 2B and also extend the Terminal 2B towards airside at all the floors for an overall area of 16200 sqm. at an estimated cost of Rs. 94.10 crores approximately to be funded through its internal resources.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The applications for shortlisting of contractors for the execution of the works have been invited and the works are expected to start this year.

Open Skies Agreements

2. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the decision to allow private airlines to fly from